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E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: WHO, KS, KN, ES

SUBJ: NORTH KOREA'S APPLICATION FOR WHO MEMBERSHIP

REF: SAN SALVADOR 1520

1. ROK EMBASSY HERE ADVISES SOUTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR IN MEXICO PRESENTED NOTE TO HIS EL SALVADOREAN COLLEAGUE THERE ON OR BEFORE APRIL 18. OUR CURRENT, TENTATIVE VOTE ESTIMATE IS 56 IN FAVOR OF POSTPONEMENT, 48 OPPOSED, WITH 29 ABSTENTIONS.

2. DEPT BELIEVES MARGIN SUPPORTING POSTPONEMENT CAN BE MAINTAINED BY APPROPRIATE EFFORTS. GIVEN CLOSENESS OF VOTE, INCLUDING POSSIBILITY CERTAIN VOTES NOW COUNTED AS ABSTENTION MAY SHIFT IN FAVOR NK, GOES ABSTENTION COULD
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HAVE EFFECT OF FACILITATING NK ADMISSION. ACCORDINGLY,
WE HOPE GOES CAN BE PERSUADED TO VOTE FOR POSTPONEMENT.

3. UNLESS YOU PERCEIVE OVERRIDING OBJECTIONS, THEREFORE,
REQUEST YOU MAKE FURTHER APPROACH AT HIGHEST FEASIBLE
LEVEL LIKELY TO BE EFFECTIVE. IN YOUR PRESENTATION, DRAW
ON BACKGROUND CONTAINED STATE 65086 AND STATE 66738. IN
PARTICULAR, EMPHASIZE OUR STRONG CONVICTION THAT BEST WAY
TO FACILITATE RESOLUTION BY ROK AND NORTH KOREA OF
DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THEM IS TO LET TWO PARTIES WORK OUT
THEIR PROBLEMS TOGETHER WITHOUT HINDRANCE OF ACRIMONIOUS
DEBATE IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. MOREOVER OUR JUDG-
MENT SHARED BY MANY OTHER NATIONS, IS THAT MEMBERSHIP OF

" DIVIDED STATES" IN UNITED NATIONS IS SIGNIFICANT POLITICAL
ISSUE WHICH SHOULD BE ADDRESSED BY UNGA RATHER THAN BY
TECHNICAL BODY SUCH AS WHO.

4. WE BELIEVE THAT VOTING FOR POSTPONEMENT FULLY CON-
SONANT WITH GOES DESIRE TO " STAY OUT" OF KOREAN QUESTION.
GOES WOULD NOT THEREBY BE VOTING AGAINST NORTH KOREAN
APPLICATION AS SUCH; RATHER IT WOULD BE VOTING TO KEEP
CONTENTIOUS ISSUE OUT OF ESSENTIALLY TECHNICAL DEBATES IN
WHA, THUS ALLOWING SOUTH AND NORTH KOREA TO CONTINUE
THEIR DIALOGUE QUIETLY WITHOUT PUBLIC DISCORD AND RESERVING
POLITICAL ISSUE TO APPROPRIATE UN POLITICAL FORUM, THE
UNGA.

5. REPORT RESULTS YOUR APPROACH BY PRIORITY CABLE. ROGERS

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